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MISSOULA--

A display of custom-built furniture from the North Valley Joinery of Missoula will open at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, in the University Center Gallery at the University of Montana. The showing will continue through Nov. 14.

Steve Voorheis, who operates the North Valley Joinery on Mullen Road, 10 miles west of Missoula on the grounds of the Council Grove Craft School, has been designing and building custom furniture in Missoula since September 1973.

Included in the exhibit are a round table, coffee table, blanket chest, lamp, benches and other custom-built pieces. Many of the items will be shown through the courtesy of local owners and some will be for sale.

Voorheis will discuss ideas for furniture pieces of any style with interested gallery visitors during Sunday's two-hour opening presentation.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and 7-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Gregg Luginbuhl is Center Gallery coordinator.

Voorheis began working with wood as a boy in his father's shop near Detroit, Mich., and later studied furniture making at the Rochester Institute of Technology's School of American Craftsmen, Rochester, N.Y.

Tom Beatty, an apprentice at the North Valley Joinery, has been affiliated with the Missoula firm since February 1974. Beatty acquired the first furniture making apprenticeship to be recognized by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry.